

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 68 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Western Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes, Zimmerman and Rounsaville).

Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination in FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. Zimmerman's Team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana. Rounsaville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and will be coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas. Both Zimmerman's and Rounsaville's Teams are coordinating the activities of Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. The Marietta Mobilization Center in Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other resources prior to assignment throughout the South.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function 4 at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA, and state Emergency Operations Centers in Tallahassee, FL, Montgomery, AL, Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, TX are staffed.

Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Krugman, Anderson, Wilcock) are assigned.

Pincha-Tulley: Is operating a base camp and six distribution points for relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Crews are rebuilding Camp Glenn following yesterday's severe weather.

Gelobter: Is providing logistical support to FEMA Branches I and II, and public school recovery projects, from Camps Gautier and Shriner at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. Camp Shriner is closing, and a new camp for emergency workers is being established at Vancleave, MS.

Krugman: Is providing support to emergency responders and the military at the Jackson Support Base in New Orleans French Quarter and at several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana.

Anderson: Under unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, is providing fire and emergency response within the City of New Orleans.

Wilcock: Is planning and implementing a hazard fuel mitigation and fire suppression plan for counties and adjoining areas in southeast Mississippi in cooperation with Mississippi state agencies.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Smith, Thomas, Stanford, Paul, Furlong/Gormley, West, Beauchamp, Johnson and Houseman) are assigned.

Smith: Is re-establishing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point, Forrest Camp and Camp Shelby in Mississippi. Storm damage repairs at the camp are ongoing.

Thomas: Is managing a base camp and supporting military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS.

Stanford: The Texas State Incident Management Team is relocating to Texas to support Hurricane Rita recovery operations.

Paul: Is supporting the Louisiana Interagency Emergency Support Base camp and St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel and Baton Rouge, LA. Minor damage repairs from Hurricane Rita are ongoing.

Furlong/Gormley: Is managing the distribution of relief supplies at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA. Nearly 5,000 truck loads of supplies have been processed at the facility.

West: Is providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST), and is supporting emergency response and military personnel at Saints Support Base in New Orleans. The Team is helping to conduct searches in the communities of Union, Westlake and Sulpur, LA.

Beauchamp: The Florida State Team is assessing wildfire potential in hurricane stricken parts of southern Louisiana. The Team is conducting a fire risk review in coordination with Louisiana Forestry officials in St Tammany, Tangipahoe and Washington Parishes.

Johnson: The Team is traveling to Stennis Space Center to prepare for a transfer of command with Pincha-Tulley's Team.

Houseman: The North Carolina State Team is being assigned to Hammond, LA, to work with the state of Louisiana implementing a fire mitigation plan.

Two Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd and Hayes) are assigned. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas in Bossier City, LA, and Texarkana, AR. A third LMT (O'Brien) has been ordered to replace Gelobter's Type 1 Incident Management Team. Two National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. Three U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service teams are engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue operations in Louisiana and Texas.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF4) personnel. A Planning Section Team has been ordered for the RRCC. Operations at the facilities have ramped up with the arrival of Hurricane Rita evacuees.

Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Oltrogge, Lohrey, Sexton, Sandman) are assigned. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) has been ordered and will in-brief at Austin, TX.

Oltrogge: The Team is assigned at Longview, TX, operating a receiving and distribution center and base camp.

Sandman: Is managing base camp operations and long term support at several facilities in San Antonio, TX. The Team continues to provide assistance to the City of San Antonio in their mission to support and assist current Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees, as well as receive and place additional evacuees from Hurricane Rita.

Lohrey: Will establish and manage a receiving and distribution center at Beaumont TX.

Sexton: The Team is relocating to Lake Charles, LA, to establish a base camp and receiving and distribution center.

Five Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Sinclair, Quesinberry, Saleen, Larsen and Rogers) are assigned.

Sinclair: The Team is operating a receiving and distribution center at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

Quesinberry: The Team is awaiting assignment in Lufkin, TX.

Saleen: Is being assigned to Lafayette, LA, to establish a receiving and distribution center.

Larsen: Is being assigned to Jennings, LA, to establish a receiving and distribution center.

Rogers: Is being assigned to the Astrodome in Houston to establish a base camp and receiving and distribution center.

EAST CANEY CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 38 miles south of Paris, TX in hardwood litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST CANEY CREEK	TX	TXS	110	50	UNK	20	0	6	0	0	NR	ST

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This timber fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, 12 miles northeast of Somes Bar, CA. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. A fire use module has been assigned. Cultural sites, fish and spotted owl habitat remain threatened. Inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels continues to hamper containment efforts. The fire was more active, and spot fires were reported on the south side of Wooley Creek.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	829	0	11/1	70	2	0	2	0	144K	FS

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CRISPIX, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles west of Jiggs, NV in sage and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CRISPIX	NV	EKD	3,252	70	UNK	65	3	4	1	0	NR	BLM
HASTINGS	NV	NNS	1,182	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	90	9/27	12	0	0	1	3	NR	PRI

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: A red flag warning is in effect until 1100 PDT Monday for very low relative humidity and gusty east winds in the upper slopes and ridges of eastern Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino and Trinity counties

Weather Discussion: A cut-off low pressure center off the central California coast will import moisture from the south for showers and thunderstorms over portions of California, western Nevada, and extreme southern Oregon. Remnants of Hurricane Rita will continue to produce heavy rainfall as it moves across the southeastern portion of the country.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern California Partly cloudy in the north and mostly cloudy in the south. A chance of showers and thunderstorms spreading from the far south early to the entire GACC by afternoon.	50s and 60s in the mountains, to mid 80s in the warmest interior valleys.	12 to 35% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest. Otherwise 20 to 40%.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph.
Southern California Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 80 to 95. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 102.	15 to 30%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northwest Partly cloudy far north Washington and far south Oregon. Otherwise, sunny. Isolated showers and thunderstorms along Oregon -Nevada border late in the afternoon.	East of Cascades: generally 70 to 83. West of Cascades: 60s along the coast. Highs in the 70s inland to lower 80s in southwest Oregon.	East of Cascades: generally 15 to 20%. West of Cascades: 20 to 35% inland, but 35 to 45% coast	Generally, north to northwest 5 to 10 mph. Over eastern Oregon, wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.



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FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					4	7	11
	ACRES					1	7	8
Northern California	FIRES					19	3	22
	ACRES					150	536	686
Southern California	FIRES					22	1	23
	ACRES					22	1	23
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	4	7
	ACRES		100			10	0	110
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					6	4	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	50	16	68
	ACRES	0	100	0	0	189	548	837

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,948	1,633,875	3,409	849,130	337	4,404,703
Northwest	FIRES	171	228	29	35	1,273	840	2,576
	ACRES	28,032	41,414	5,797	121	73,305	99,928	248,597
Northern California	FIRES	148	30	10	15	1,830	426	2,459
	ACRES	244	24,896	14	101	25,781	5,998	57,034
Southern California	FIRES	115	113	13	50	2,318	599	3,208
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,825	33,329	8,903	123,401
Northern Rockies	FIRES	484	57	31	12	627	627	1,838
	ACRES	20,338	8,715	9,795	25	37,743	54,564	131,180
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	692	13	29	671	549	2,006
	ACRES	23,199	629,350	9	2,828	149,013	104,412	908,811
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	496	19	26	104	112	764
	ACRES	3,067	881,994	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,539
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	350	39	52	1,304	1,497	4,761
	ACRES	34,202	158,810	9,639	364	129,848	416,400	749,263
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	282	479	30	22	588	500	1,901
	ACRES	6,871	8,826	553	30	28,253	23,117	67,650
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	52	10,117	559	11,359
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,294	9,573	86,676
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,046	524	21,000
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	262,200	14,156	347,777
TOTAL	FIRES	3,590	2,541	459	346	39,282	6,261	52,479
	ACRES	151,237	3,677,878	1,716,926	84,398	1,769,739	755,453	8,155,631

Ten Year Average Fires	67,981
Ten Year Average Acres	4,465,682

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				170			170
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,300	1,300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	170	0	1,352	1,522

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	104	86	3		216	427
	ACRES	5,651	23,085	4,743	265		20,514	54,258
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	142	29		172	376
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,092	3,022		18,802	48,205
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	18		79	108
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,593		6,819	12,102
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	29	104	3	31	290	466
	ACRES	495	3,287	22,706	22	2,131	36,323	64,964
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	5	6	14	54	107
	ACRES	1	9,048	1,459	40	1,474	13,018	25,040
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13	10	2		2	27
	ACRES		6,417	2,711	266		2,903	12,297
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		279	348
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		72,149	151,188
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	102	18	23	109	329
	ACRES	3,871	21,836	20,519	10,438	4,526	34,659	95,849
Eastern Area	FIRES	43		479	36	1,121	179	1,858
	ACRES	17,632		68,544	4,423	70,083	39,448	200,130
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,116	1,769
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,702	1,316,938
TOTAL	FIRES	156	293	1,092	185	1,597	2,496	5,819
	ACRES	42,360	116,846	232,950	94,634	349,470	1,145,337	1,981,597

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,697		2,306	11,003
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		3		94	99
	ACRES		180		166		76,977	77,323
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	44	2	62	3	255	367
	ACRES	3,680	2,762	27,225	163,635	1,767	288,640	487,709

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
Total	162	840	7,229	1,728,058

Weekly updates will be provided starting 9/7/05.

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		3		3		2			2
Northern California	5		1		5	1	4		39	
Southern California			2				4			
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	19		2		2		20	
Western Great Basin	2	4	9	2	3				3	
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1		3				2		2	8
Eastern Area									6	
Southern Area				6			2			1
Total	10	5	37	11	13	1	16	0	75	11

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